



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 509**

February Session, 2014

Substitute House Bill No. 5582

*House of Representatives, April 10, 2014*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. ROJAS of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE TASK FORCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Housing shall  
2 review state housing regulations in order to determine whether such  
3 regulations comply with state and federal laws concerning fair  
4 housing. Such review shall include an examination of the following: (1)  
5 The degree to which statutes, regulations, incentives, project selection  
6 and allocation criteria have resulted in (A) affirmatively furthering fair  
7 housing for families with children, and (B) the disproportionate  
8 concentration of subsidized housing for families with children in a  
9 school district classified as a low achieving school district or in an area  
10 served by a school classified as a low achieving school pursuant to  
11 section 10-223e of the general statutes; (2) any recommendations for  
12 the remediation of any racial or ethnic segregation that has been  
13 exacerbated by prior allocations of public housing funds; and (3) any  
14 recommendations to increase the availability of subsidized housing in

15 school districts not classified as low achieving school districts or in  
16 areas served by schools not classified as low achieving schools  
17 pursuant to section 10-223e of the general statutes. Not later than  
18 January 1, 2015, the commissioner shall submit a report on such  
19 review, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
20 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
21 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	\$50,000 - 100,000	None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill results in a cost of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 by requiring the Department of Housing (DOH) to review by January 1, 2015 state housing regulations as it pertains to (1) furthering fair housing for families with children and (2) the concentration of subsidized housing in school districts classified as low achieving. This detailed level of analysis would require the agency to generate new data encompassing these issues. In order to generate the necessary data and analyze the information within the timeframe of less than one year, the agency would need to hire a consultant. It is anticipated that the cost of consulting services would range between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

The bill also requires DOH to conduct a general review of state housing regulations in order to determine whether the regulations comply with state and federal fair housing laws. This does not result in a fiscal impact as the agency has already conducted a preliminary assessment of these regulations and intends to amend several regulations to reflect current fair housing policies.

**The Out Years**

The bill requires DOH to submit a report on its finding by January

1, 2015. There are therefore no costs in the outyears.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/25/2014)